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DIRECTOR'S LEVEL APPEAL DECISION

Date:

OCT 13 2006

In re:

Castle, C-82790

Kern Valley State Prison

P.O. Box 6000 Delano, CA 93216

IAB Case No.: 0600737

Local Log No.: CAL 06-00830

This matter was reviewed on behalf of the Director of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) by Appeals Examiner R. Pimentel, Facility Captain. All submitted documentation and supporting arguments of the parties have been considered.

- I APPELLANT'S ARGUMENT: It is the appellant's position that he suffers from an old spinal cord injury and he needs Vicodin for the pain. The appellant contends that he was refused the Vicodin by the Registered Nurse. The appellant requests that his medications for pain be restored.
- II SECOND LEVEL'S DECISION: The reviewer noted that Vicodin is not approved in pill form for use in the general inmate population. The reviewer noted that the appellant was evaluated by the Nurse Practitioner and was provided chronos for lower bunk/tier, use of a cane, orthopedic shoes, waist restraints and no prolonged walking, bending, and no lifting. The appellant was referred for a neurology and orthopedic consultation. The appellant was prescribed Baclofen for his pain in lieu of the Vicodin. The Second Level of Review (SLR) partially granted the appellant's appeal in that he has been prescribed adequate pain medication.

III DIRECTOR'S LEVEL DECISION: Appeal is denied.

A. FINDINGS: The documentation and arguments are persuasive that the appellant has failed to support his appeal issues with sufficient evidence or facts to warrant a modification of the SLR. The reviewer found that medical staff determined that the appellant did not require Vicodin to treat his medical condition and that the appellant was prescribed Baclofen for his pain. The institution articulated the treatment plan that the appellant is being provided. The Director's Level of Review (DLR) finds that the appellant's medical concerns are being adequately addressed by the institution. California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section (CCR) 3354 establishes that only qualified medical staff shall be permitted to diagnose illness and prescribe medication and medical treatment for inmates. It is not appropriate for the appellant to self-diagnose his own medical problems and then expect a medical doctor to implement the appellant's recommendation for a course of medical treatment. The appellant's requests for medication were appropriately reviewed by licensed physicians. The appellant may not choose the specific pain medication that he is prescribed. Therefore no relief is provided at the DLR.

The appellant filed the appeal as an ADA issue. Following careful examination, there is no evidence to support that the issue and its resolution fall within the ARP or CCR 3085. As such, it has been processed in accordance with CCR 3084 et sequitur.

B. BASIS FOR THE DECISION:

CCR: 3000, 3001, 3350, 3350.1, 3350.2, 3354

C. ORDER: No changes or modifications are required by the institution.

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This decision exhausts the administrative remedy available to the appellant within CDCR.

N. GRANNIS, Chief Inmate Appeals Branch

cc: Warden, KVSP

Appeals Coordinator, KVSP Appeals Coordinator, CAL Medical Appeals Analyst, CAL

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Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Memorandum

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: June 29, 2006

To

: Inmate S. CASTLE. C82790

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Subject : SECOND LEVEL APPEAL RESPONSE

LOG NO: CAL-C-06-00830

The appellant is submitting this appeal relative to Medications.

It is the appellant's position that upon arrival at Calipatria State Prison he was denied medication (Vicodin) by both

M. RAMIREZ, and A. LOPEZ, RN, FNP.

The appellant requests that he be provided medication because he is in pain.

INTERVIEWED BY:

J. FLORES, RN, on April 26, 2006.

REGULATIONS: The rules governing this issue are:

California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Article (CCR) 3350. Provision of Medical Care and Definitions

DISCUSSION: In consideration of this appeal, a review of the appeal and its attachments was conducted. The CCR and all applicable laws and procedures were also considered along with the contents of the appellant's Unit Health Record (UHR) and a personal interview.

The appellant was advised in the First Formal Level Response that he had been evaluated and that an alternate medication had been prescribed. Since that response was written, the appellant has resubmitted the Reasonable Modification or Accommodation Request stating that "...I see no reason why I would have to be placed in the infirmary to receive my medication, and I see no reason why Im (Sic) not receiving my prescribed medication..." The appellant is currently in the Outpatient Housing Unit (not specifically for pain management) and has been prescribed pain medication as deemed medically necessary.

DECISION: The appeal is **Partially Granted** at the Second Formal Level in that the appeal has been reviewed at the Second Formal Level, and the appellant has been evaluated and pain medications have been prescribed as deemed medically necessary.

The appellant is advised that his issue may be submitted for a Director's Level Review within 15 days of receipt of this response if desired.

A. LÓPEZ, RN, PNP

Nurse Practitioner Calipatria State Prison Reviewed by:

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BASIS OF DECISION: You were evaluated / interviewed on 4/26/06 by Mr. A. LOPEZ, NP. At that time you were provided Chronos for a lower bunk/tier, use of a cane, orthopedic shoes, waist restraints, and no prolonged walking, bending, and no lifting. These Chronos must be approved by the Chrono Committee. You will be advised of their decision when you receive your (Gold) copy of the chrono. Mr. LOPEZ also referred you for a Neurology, and an Orthopedic consultation. Your were given a prescription for medication and advised to return to the clinic in one month. Please be advised that Vicodin is a medication that is not allowed on the Yard at Calipatria State Prison in its solid form. You can receive crushed Vicodin on the yard at the Clinic. In the Outpatient Housing Unit it is available in pill form. Mr. LOPEZ has substituted Baclofen for the pain medication that you were receiving at your former Institution and this may actually work better for you.

The Request is PARTIALLY GRANTED in that the appellant has been evaluated, the appropriate pain medications, and chronos have been prescribed.

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NOTE: If disposition is based upon information provided by other staff or other resources, specify the resource and the information provided. If the request is granted, specify the process by which the modification or accommodation will be provided, with time frames if appropriate. DISPOSITION RENDERED BY: (NAME) INSTITUTION/FACILITY TITLE シファイチ **APPROVAL** ASSOCIATE WARDEN'S SIGNATURE DATE SIGNED 5/25/06 M. COUIN, MD DATE RETURNED TO

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